

## The Citizen.

## HERE AND THERE.

The Fortnightly is one of the few things that deserves a vote of thanks for not getting a treatment in Lent. It met last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. J. McElroy Mann, and devoted itself to the discussion of "Village Improvement." The paper for the evening was read by Mr. F. W. Capen. Other speakers had been appointed to report on other topics bearing directly on the town, perhaps in the hope that the words might be noised abroad in the advantage of the villagers. Mr. Halsey Barrett read a short paper on "Village Improvement," and Mr. Barrett was pleased to furnish information relative to the "Village Improvement Association," which it appears is "sunk in a deep soundless sleep." Everyone scouted the idea that the Association is actually dead, and proposed all sorts of plans for salvation.

Mr. Clark was of the opinion that a library would be a boon to the town, and the older inhabitants looked with interest and mirth, recalling possibly, a familiar red brick structure with the gaudy name which doesn't impress us, and the blank and desponding look which it presents to public gaze, its gaudy blue-green curtains, and its epitome of decayed gentility. Some referred in a tone of tender remembrance to the collection of theological books once presented to the town as the books of a library, and which, after much misfortune, were stored in the office of the gas company as an example of the system of circumstances.

The recent new comers were told with pride of the days when the white posts stood aloft—told, perhaps ten times over, really seemed to be so close to tell.

several of the club members owned up to having friends from New York, getting out from there, in order to avoid the perplexing decorations erected by the Newark clothiers for the purpose of enticing the unwary.

Despite of all this, however the general opinion seemed to be that Bloomfield was a pretty good sort of a place and this being no worse was shared by the visitors, Mr. Johnson, of Bethlehem, Pa., and Mr. Steele, of Beverly, Mass.

The next meeting will be devoted to a discussion of the works of W. D. Howells.

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Thomas A. Edison, Mrs. Henry F. Hitch, Mrs. Oliver S. Carter, Mrs. Aaron Carter, Mrs. Howard White, Mrs. John Burke, Mrs. John C. Wimberding, Mrs. Robert Sedgwick, Mrs. Charles A. Sterling, Mrs. Eugene Kelly, Miss Clara Pilott, Mrs. Eugene V. Connett, Mrs. Charles A. Hecksher, Mrs. William Pierson, Mrs. John Pettit, Mrs. Rueben Martin, Miss Emily Fuller, Mrs. A. T. E. Kirkland, Mrs. Paul Redmond, Mrs. William A. Brewer, Jr., Mrs. Douglas Robinson, Jr., Mrs. Anson D. Dunn, Mrs. Little Page Ely.

## Township Committee Business.

The regular meeting of the Township Committee was held Monday evening.

The bids solicited for sidewalk construction were opened, when it was found that George Kurier was the lowest bidder, the others being C. E. Mc Dowell and Martin Callahan.

Mr. Beaman moved that the contract be awarded to Mr. Callahan.

Mr. Seibert said it should be given to the lowest bidder.

The matter was finally referred to the Sidewalk Committee.

The contract for grading Washington Avenue was awarded to J. E. Freeman.

The bond of Mr. Seibert in the sum of \$20,000 was Township Treasurer was submitted and ordered placed on file.

The Chief of the Fire Department presented the name of John Zubriskas as second assistant and the same was confirmed.

The report of the Fire Committee was made, adverse to the equipping of any new organizations the present year. Mr. Cook, the Chairman of the committee, said that the funds should be devoted to the needs of the department as now constituted.

The Chief was given the power to purchase three nozzles and 1,800 feet of two-and-a-half-inch hose, one fifty-five foot ladder and three extinguishers. The hose will be distributed among the three companies, each receiving 900 feet.

The dereliction of the G. S. Company was again the subject of complaint, the lights being put out ahead of the contemplated time.

On motion Constables James Foster, John V. Smith, Theodore Harvey, Benjamin Baldwin and George Cadmus were appointed to do police duty at the direction of the Township Committee.

Thomas W. Smith was appointed as special policeman without compensation in and around the cemetery. N. Harvey Dood and Benjamin Haskell were appointed Surveyors of the Highways.

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Amusements.

The Thatcher, Primrose and West celebrated Minstrels will perform in Music Hall, Orange, next Thursday evening, April 11th.

The great New York laughing success, "Natural Gas," illustrated by the comedians Donnelly and Girard and a Super Company, will be performed at Orange Music Hall, Saturday evening, April 6th.

Mr. E. H. Sothern and his company, who appear at Miner's Newark Theatre next week closed a most successful engagement before last in Cincinnati.

Mr. A. C. Thayer of the "Enquirer," said of the performance of the 15th inst.: "There is not an uninteresting movement in the comedy, and while Mr. Sothern carries the burden of it, he is assisted by a very able company.

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